

what demoralizes but what builds up the kingdom of God.

Let everybody help spread the idea of "the new 4th of July" celebrated with meetings and speeches rather than sport and noise and along with the old declaration of independence emphasizing the new declaration of "dependence on God." Sing patriotic songs. Talk of patriotic duties, the cost and value of our liberties and above all the fact that our God is the "God of nations" and shall judge governments as individuals. Sing the K. C. of C. E. rally song and speak of the movements for good. Pray one and all for our beloved land that it fulfill its mission.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF CHICAGO.

November 1, 1896, we commenced work in this city; our first service had fourteen present, including our own family, and the work has gone on until we have gathered around us a nucleus for future development. Nearly fifty men and women are banded together as an organization through which God can work. We have elected our trustees, deacons and clerk. We have Sunday-school, King's Children, junior and senior, social services each Thursday night, and women's society. We are equipped for work, and in business meeting assembled adopted the name: "The First Brethren Church of Chicago." We send greetings to our sister churches, and while praying for your success, we ask your prayers for our continued success. The work done cannot be reported, we leave it where it belongs, and push out for greater success in the future. Sister Stiles has raised \$5.00 for a start toward building; we will hold it sacred and add to it as providence leads. The work to do now is to consolidate and develop; that, by God's help, we will do, and ask your prayers while doing it. God bless the work.

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TWELVE MILE, IND.

Last night was our children's meeting at New Enterprise, and to say it was a success is putting it mildly. The house was beautifully decorated, the singing was excellent, and the little folks went through their work like trained soldiers; the exercises lasted about two hours. The house was full and many anxious listeners outside that could not gain admittance. We sang the last verse of "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and we separated, feeling it was good to be there. The young people deserve much credit for the great interest taken in arranging and carrying out of the program, and especially the young sister that took such great pains in training the children. The old and young are wide awake at New Enterprise and feel the interest is gaining there,

though the struggle has been a hard one. We are trusting in Him who has said, "My word shall not return to me void," etc. We ask the prayers of the entire brotherhood in our behalf as pastor and people. God bless the cause everywhere is our prayer.

D. A. HOPKINS.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, O.

As per announcement in last week's EVANGELIST, brother J. L. Kimmel held the communion at this place on the evening of June 13, and by God's help and divine grace we had a pleasant meeting. Fully seventy members were seated around the Lord's table, and the beautiful part of it was that our very young brothers and sisters performed their part so very nice. The very best of order prevailed both in and out of doors. We heartily congratulate our many friends who were with us during our services. Believing that the Lord has truly blessed us in many ways, it has given us encouragement, making all firmer in the faith, and we push forward toward the mark of the prize as it is in Christ Jesus. Brother Kimmel preaches for us every three weeks on Sunday morning and evening. Sunday-school every Sabbath with good attendance, and Christian Endeavor every two weeks.

G. A. RUFF, Cor. Sec.

WOOSTER, O

On Thursday, June 10, the members of the Zion Hill church held their quarterly business meeting. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and Broter Kieffer was elected pastor for another year. I believe all the old officers were reelected. After the meeting the sister who confessed Christ a few weeks ago was baptized. On Friday evening we again met to commemorate the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we truly had a feast to the soul. How inspiring it is to participate in such services when we come together as one common family to observe the ordinances of God's house. Brother Kimmel, of Louisville, O., was with us, and we feel very thankful indeed to him for his presence. Come again, brother.

MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGLE.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Lizzie H. Deter, nee Hixson, died at her home near Culver, Bates county, Mo., early Monday morning, June 7. Her death was very sudden and a grievous surprise to her friends. The remains were brought to Parsons, Kans., and laid in Oakwood cemetery beside her mother and brother, who but a short time ago preceded her to the spirit world. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in

the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Inlow, of Butler, Mo. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn their loss, also a father, A. J. Hixson, a brother and a sister.

Mrs. Deter was an amiable lady, an estimable mother who enjoyed her home, but her life is cut off in the midst of her usefulness, and the event brings sadness to her many friends. She was an earnest Christian worker, a leader in every laudable enterprise. We can truly say that our loss is heaven's gain.

Parsons, Kans.

A. J. HIXSON.

Items of Interest.

—The railroads west of the Mississippi have agreed to give free transportation for the fifty carloads of grain which Iowa is going to ship to India.

—Julius Goldschmidt, of Wisconsin, has been appointed consul-general to Berlin. He was consul general to Vienna under President Harrison.

—A cloudburst twenty miles from Guthrie, O. T., April 28, turned the already flooded Cottonwood Valley into a deluge. Hundreds of homes were flooded and many people were drowned.

—On April 20, it was ninety-five years since Congress voted permission to the Territory of Ohio to adopt a constitution and enter into the sisterhood of states. The union at that time consisted of sixteen states.

—Col. James C. Reed, secretary of the Grant Monument Committee, and private secretary to President Arthur during his term, died at New York April 23. He was born in 1838.

—The Sandwich Island alphabet has twelve letters, and the alphabet of the Tartars has two hundred and two.

—Ex-Gov. N. N. Smith, of Arkansas, died recently in the asylum at Little Rock where he was placed in January. He became insane on the financial question during the last campaign.

—The German Empress, it is said, has a teacup that was beaten out of an old Prussian half-penny, a teapot made of a German farthing, and tiny cups made from coins of the several German principalities—*forwrad*.

—In an old robin's nest found in Franklin county the other day were a \$20 gold piece and a button hook.

—From time immemorial the stray cats of Florence, Italy, have been well looked after. The cloister of San Lorenzo is sacred to poor Puss. It is overlooked by the windows of the famous Laurentian Library, built by Michael Angelo for Pope Clement VII. It is a green oasis, with long grass and flowers.

All stray cats are taken thither, and at noon every day scraps of meat, etc., collected from house to house, are emptied into the dry moat round the grass. Toward feeding time one may see cats of all kinds and degrees—black, tortoise shell, tawny and white, male and female, young and old—basking in the sun and licking their chops in happy anticipation. Finally, when the food is brought, from every direction cats crowd in, hissing at one another, mewling and making such a noise. Then, when they have fed, human snappers-up of unconsidered trifles come around